

## CHAPTER 330

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**MILITARY AND VETERANS**

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## SENATE BILL 17-183

BY SENATOR(S) Gardner, Crowder, Garcia, Guzman, Hill, Kerr, Priola, Tate, Todd;  
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Lee, Exum, Foote, Hamner, Lebsock, Liston, Lontine, McKean, Melton, Pabon, Rosenthal, Singer,  
Valdez, Duran.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS TO MAKE GRANTS RELATED TO THE USS COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 4.7 to title 28 as follows:

**ARTICLE 4.7**  
**USS Colorado**

**28-4.7-101. Grants to support USS Colorado - legislative declaration - repeal.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

(a) THE USS COLORADO IS A NUCLEAR ATTACK SUBMARINE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND EXPECTED TO BE COMMISSIONED IN 2017;

(b) BECAUSE THE COMMISSIONING OF A NAVAL VESSEL MARKS THE POINT WHEN THE VESSEL BECOMES AN ACTIVE SHIP OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY, IT SERVES AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CEREMONIAL MILESTONES IN THE LIFE OF THE SHIP;

(c) IT IS A GREAT HONOR FOR THE STATE AND ITS CITIZENS TO HAVE A NAVY CAPITAL SHIP NAMED AFTER THE STATE; AND

(d) SUPPORTING THE USS COLORADO WITH GRANTS TO BE USED FOR COMMISSIONING EXPENSES, UPGRADES TO THE SUBMARINE, AND SUPPORT FOR THE CREW SERVES AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC PURPOSE.

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

(2) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS SHALL MAKE GRANTS RELATED TO THE USS COLORADO TO:

- (a) PAY FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE COMMISSIONING OF THE USS COLORADO;
- (b) PROMOTE AWARENESS OF THE USS COLORADO WITHIN THE STATE; AND
- (c) SUPPORT THE CREW.

(3) THIS ARTICLE 4.7 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018.

**SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2017-18 state fiscal year, \$100,000 is appropriated to the department of military and veterans affairs. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation to make grants related to the USS Colorado.

**SECTION 3. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2017.

**SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: June 5, 2017